

**SUSSEX COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2015**

There were 24 members/guests in attendance.

Chip Stevenson	Sussex County LEPC
Peter Uhey	Bayhealth
David Irwin	LEPC New Castle County
Tara Chambers	DNREC-EPCRA
Bill Davis	DNREC-EPCRA
Milt Warren	Delmarva Two-Way
Antonio Haigler	Dentsply
Chuck Betyeman	ARES
Tom Bastian	Merck
Avery Dalton	DEMA
Brenda Lord	Tri Gas Oil
Scott Bossert	DBRC
Kelly Kruger	EOC, Sussex County
Mark Lucy	Miller Environmental Group
Jay Stachecki	Miller Environmental Group
Mike Calloway	Mountaire
Bob Kendall	Mountaire
Ken Greeson	US DHS
Kierston Koory	Lewis Environmental
Eric Huouvinen	Sussex County EMS
Bob Shinholt	Pats Aircraft
Cheryl Hopple	Beebe
Brandon Olenik	LEPC Kent County
David Mick	LEPC Kent County

Chairman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes of September 10, 2015 meeting were approved.

All attendees introduced themselves.

REPORTS-

DNREC- Bill Davis-

Bill reviewed a proposed EPA rule change. A handout was given to review. Anyone having questions may contact Bill Davis.

DEMA UPDATES- Avery Dalton

HMEP Grant:

First and foremost, I want to thank everyone for their support in closing out last year's grant on September 30th. We worked together to identify some new funding opportunities.

- NCC Dave Irwin - last minute training & the video
- DSFS Jerry Brennan – work to get additional \$9,370.00 of new training funded.

This year's HMEP grant total is \$111,673.00.

DEMA Reporting:

June 3, 2015 – As a follow up to the Office of the Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security. Secretary Schiliro held a meeting to discuss Bakken Oil transportation issues. The meeting identified one issue, additional training for the Fire Officer Course.

CSX provided \$5,000.00 in funding to be used to support the development of this training.

Norfolk Southern – no money offered to support the new training initiative. NS pointed out a number of exercises and training programs they have supported.

August 24, 2015 - New DEMA Director:

Today Lewis D. Schiliro, Delaware's Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security, announced the retirement of Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) Director Jamie Turner and the appointment of his successor, Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Fire Chief Abel J. Schall Jr. In addition to his role as Aetna fire chief, Schall has been employed by Bank of America since 1998. He started at DEMA on August 24, 2015.

October 27, 2015 – DEMA served as the lead agency for a full scale exercise, conducted in conjunction with a functional exercise hosted by the Delaware

Department of Technology and Information, on October 27, 2015. The aim of the exercise was to prompt the response to a physical and cyber terrorist attack and to assess the resulting response and coordination among responders and state agencies. Over 30 agencies participated both on the cyber and full-scale sides of the exercise.

October 28, 2015 – The Delaware Senate today confirmed the nomination of Jim Mosely to serve as Secretary of the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, succeeding Lew Schiliro, who announced his plans to retire earlier this month.

“With over 40 years of experience, Jim has established a distinguished career of public service in both the military and law enforcement sectors,” said Governor Markell.

SERC 9/9/15 Quarterly Meeting:

1. SERC Chairman Schiliro opened the meeting with the introduction of the new Director of DEMA, AJ Schall.
2. Mr. Newnam stated the Decon Trailer Committee presented a proposal to dispose of two trailers. Decon trailer number one to be sold to the Delaware Refinery for \$12,500 and Decon trailer number two to be retained for the Department of Agriculture.
3. Jamie Bethard briefed about a DNREC ERT response to a damaged box trailer hauling 1340 – 20 pound propane cylinders. Secretary wanted to know if this was legal. Mr. Bethard stated it was because it was placarded properly, but added it is a very rare way to transport propane cylinders.
4. Mr. Bethard also briefed about a DNREC ERT response to a chemical suicide. The person committing suicide made hydrogen sulfide gas in a truck in a garage. Mr. Bethard expressed need for the Secretary to facilitate a meeting with the Medical Examiner’s Office to discuss procedures for chemical suicides.
5. SERC Annual Report was approved. It is being routed to the governor’s office for review.

EMS-Eric Huovinen-

No Report

Decon Trailer Updates-

No Report

Kent County LEPC-David Mick/Brandon Olenik-

Kent County Tech Rescue assisted with an incident that occurred in Seaford.

New Castle County LEPC-Dave Irwin-

Dave reported that more information will be out on the upcoming HazMat Workshop on January 6, 2016.

Wilmington LEPC- George Giles

No Report

Beebe Medical Center-Cheryl Littlefield:

Cheryl reviewed the recent drills that took place at Beebe Hospital with Hazmat & Helicopter Crash.

Red Cross:

No Report

Sussex County LEPC:

Chairman Stevenson reported on the following activities:

- Attended the New Castle County LEPC meetings on September 14 and November 9.
- Attended the Kent County LEPC meeting on November 10.
- Attended the Emergency Preparedness Conference in Harrisburg, PA from October 20-October 22.
- Visited PATS Aircraft on October 14.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

NEXT MEETING 10 A.M. THURSDAY JANUARY 14, 2016 AT SUSSEX COUNTY EOC.

